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For. GROMMET WATER-PROOFING METHOD AND WIRE-HARNESS  
LOOSENING JIG

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 11, 2002

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment (filed with an RCE) for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend Claim 7, as follows:

7. (Twice Amended) A wire harness loosening jig in combination with a wire harness comprising:

- a base plate;
- a fixing-side clamping portion on the base plate having a first pair of clamps for clamping one end of a wire harness;
- a guide rail on said base plate extending in a longitudinal direction of said wire harness, when said wire harness is arranged in said wire harness loosening jig for loosening;